

DETAILED ACTION

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Torrente (reg. No. 26,359) on 8/29/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A lens apparatus comprising:

...direction of the lens,

wherein one or two members selected from the group consisting of the stop blade, the optical filter and the shutter blade is/are arranged at one end side of the lens holding member and the other members or member selected from the group [is] are/is arranged at the other end side of the lens holding member.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

Claim 5. (Currently Amended): A camera which is provided with a lens apparatus in an integrated manner comprising:

...direction of the lens,

wherein one or two members selected from the group consisting of the stop blade, the optical filter and the shutter blade is/are arranged at one end side of the lens holding

member and the other members or member selected from the group [is] are/is arranged at the other end side of the lens holding member.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-9 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to claims 1-9, the prior art does not disclose a lens apparatus or camera with the lens apparatus with the combination of limitations specified in the claimed invention, specifically the limitations of:

a lens holding member which (a) is arranged in the lens apparatus, (b) holds the lens, the stop blade, the optical filter and the shutter blade, and (c) is movable in the lens apparatus in an optical axis direction of the lens, wherein one or two members selected from the group consisting of the stop blade, the optical filter and the shutter blade is/are arranged at one end side of the lens holding member and the other member selected from the group is arranged at the other end side of the lens holding member, as stated in claims 1 and 5.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GEVELL SELBY whose telephone number is (571)272-7369.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 PM (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on 571-272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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